

## OPINION 1629

### *Helophorus brevipalpis* Bedel, 1881 (Insecta, Coleoptera): given precedence over *Helophorus creticus* Kiesenwetter, 1858

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *brevipalpis* Bedel, 1881, as published in the binomen *Helophorus brevipalpis*, is hereby given precedence over the specific name *creticus* Kiesenwetter, 1858, as published in the binomen *Helophorus creticus*, whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *brevipalpis* Bedel, 1881, as published in the binomen *Helophorus brevipalpis*, with the endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *creticus* Kiesenwetter, 1858, as published in the binomen *Helophorus creticus*, whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.
- (b) *creticus* Kiesenwetter, 1858, as published in the binomen *Helophorus creticus*, with the endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *brevipalpis* Bedel, 1881, as published in the binomen *Helophorus brevipalpis*, whenever the two names are considered to be synonyms.

#### History of Case 2690

An application for *Helophorus brevipalpis* Bedel, 1881 to be given precedence over *H. creticus* Kiesenwetter, 1858 was received from Dr R.B. Angus (*Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London, Egham, Surrey, U.K.*) on 11 November 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 46: 173–175 (September 1989). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1990 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 46: 174. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Mahnert, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 4: Heppell, Holthuis, Macpherson and Martins de Souza.

No vote was received from Halvorsen.

Ride would have preferred to suppress the older name. Heppell commented: 'As not a single comment was received in support of this application, and as the species concerned are not stated to be of any economic importance whatsoever, I am not convinced that use of the plenary powers for conservation of the junior name is justified'. Martins de Souza commented that the application recognized that *Helophorus creticus* and *H. brevipalpis* might eventually prove to represent distinct taxa (para. 7) and that subspecies of *brevipalpis* had previously been described (para. 6); a decision in favour of the application could be temporary and was therefore unacceptable.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*brevipalpis*, *Helophorus*, Bedel, 1881, *Annales de la Société Entomologique de France*, **6** (Supplement), p. 301.

*creticus*, *Helophorus*, Kiesenwetter, 1858, *Berliner Entomologische Zeitschrift*, **2**: 40.